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REMARKS

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25X1 [] 1. On 3 November 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne [] in Dresden quartered about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 70 percent with artillery insignia, 10 percent with motor transport insignia and 5 percent with signal insignia and about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 30 October, about 160 soldiers practiced with 4 x 85-mm AT guns and 4 x 100-mm AT guns, in front of the gun garages. About 300 soldiers received field training in the billeting area and about 150 other soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets practiced carbine firing at the target range. On 3 November, about 3,000 troops and about 40 field-grade officers assembled in the barracks yard, forming a square. They were addressed by an officer.

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25X1 [] several motor vehicles [] were occupied by about 75 to 80 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 1

25X1 [] 2. On 12 November, the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne [] was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Sidecar motorcycles were identified in the barracks area. In addition, tanks and 76-mm field guns were seen. On 31 October, about 180 soldiers received instruction in the yard. Trucks [] left the installation. 2

3. On 12 November, the barracks installation in Dresden-Uebigau [] was 25X1

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occupied by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, about 600 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and about 300 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Six steel pontoons, boards and planks and several steel cables 20 to 30 mm in diameter, were in the barracks area. 3

4. On 12 November, the AAA emplacement in the Elbe River bent between Washington Strasse and Scharffenberg Strasse was occupied by about 60 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, who were quartered in three earth bunkers and a brick building. Three 35-mm guns and 9 trucks were in the emplacement.

5. On 12 November, the AAA emplacement at the Japanische Palais was occupied by about 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were quartered in 7 tents. Six 25-mm AA guns were emplaced. Eight trucks were parked in the garden of the Palais. 4

6. On 12 November, source determined that a wooden shed measuring 6 x 12 meters had been erected on the training grounds near the Kaditz ferry house. Planks and boards were piled up there; a saw frame was in operation. The training grounds was surrounded by barbed wire and the approach road blocked by two barriers which were guarded by two KVP men. 3

7. On 1 November, the Koenig Georg Kaserne [] was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 20 soldiers practiced driving with 6 sidecar motorcycles in the barracks yard. On 27 October, about 200 men engaged in combat training on Auf dem Heller north of Hammerweg and west of Proschhuegel. 5

8. On 1 November, the MG Kaserne [] was occupied by 400 to 500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were determined in the barracks area. Patrols with red bands around the sleeve were frequently seen leaving the installation and heading toward the town. On 25 October, 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation, [] 6

9. On 1 November, the AAA emplacement in the Elbe River bent between Washington Strasse and Scharffenberg Strasse was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. A canvas-covered gun was emplaced there. On 30 October, soldiers repaired the telephone line between the emplacement and the barracks installation in Dresden-Uebigau. 4

10. On 1 November, the barracks installation in Dresden-Uebigau was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. An undetermined number of soldiers sawed beams and planks in the barracks yard, 20 soldiers engaged in sand-table exercises and 70 other soldiers engaged in physical exercises. [] 3

11. Prior to 2 November, patrol duty by soldiers with black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets was intensified. The few soldiers seen in town were controlled by patrols. [] town leaves for Soviet soldiers were again restricted.

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12. On 7 November, the barracks installation at Weixdorf was occupied to capacity by about 300 to 350 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and 150 to 180 soldiers, apparently recruits, who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. On 26 October, 40 soldiers practiced with hand grenades and 40 other soldiers practiced aiming.

13. On 7 November, the Hermann Goering Kaserne [] was occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and about 250 to 300 troops, mostly recruits, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Ten to 15 T-34 and 4 or 5 JS-3 tanks were seen in the barracks area. Between 17 October and 7 November, 15 to 20 motor vehicles engaged in driving practice. On 7 November, about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in field training in the terrain west of the installation. A radio truck parked in the training area. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 27 October 6 trucks []

[] were seen leaving the installation toward Dresden.

14. On 7 November, the Napola [] was occupied to capacity by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including 100 soldiers with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed. []

15. On 7 November, the Polizei Kaserne [] in Hellerau was partly occupied. There was scarcely any traffic in the billeting area. Most of the motor vehicles seen in traffic to and from the installation were marked by a red cross. []

16. On 13 November, the Hermann Goering Kaserne was occupied by about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and about 100 officers of the two branches of service. No regular training activity was observed between 2 and 13 November. On 4 November a JS-2 tank moved out of the installation. Eight to ten trucks [] moved into the installation on 10 and 13 November. The vehicles apparently were driving school trucks which belonged to the installation. Constructional changes were made at the building of the veterinary hospital. [] a Soviet cooperative store was to be established there. []

17. On 13 November, the Napola was occupied by about 10 officers and about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. No routine activity was noticed in the barracks area. Sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia, seemed to have been detached from a unit in the Hermann Goering Kaserne. The six small houses near the road in the area of the Napola quartered officers from the Hermann Goering Kaserne. A colonel and several field grade officers with tank insignia were repeatedly seen marching from the Napola toward the Hermann Goering Kaserne. 3

18. On 29 October, the east section of the Grenadier Kaserne [] quartered about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 25 percent with tank insignia and about 25 uniformed women. Sedans []

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each occupied by a general, were frequently seen in traffic to the installation. A large number of officers entered the installation on 19 and 20 October. [REDACTED]

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19. On 29 October, the west section of the Grenadier Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 13 and 29 October, 5 to 6 men were frequently seen engaged in telephone training. One lieutenant Colonel was the ranking officer. Two majors were several times seen leaving the installation in sedans. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Report fails to definitely confirm the units believed to be stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. [REDACTED]
No AT guns of 100 mm are carried in the installation. The black-bordered crimson epaulets which, according to paragraph 1, 3, 7, 8, 10 and 13, were seen in various barracks installations of the post are not indicative of a certain branch of service. Rather it is assumed that the recruits who arrived from the USSR wore black-bordered crimson epaulets with the march uniforms they received in the USSR.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Among other units, a motorcycle battalion is still believed stationed in the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the barracks installation in Uebigau has also been occupied to capacity since November. [REDACTED] The installation is again believed to quarter the unidentified engineer regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army, the 134th Gds Engr Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div and signal units. For information on service color, [REDACTED] Comment 1.

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- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The AAA emplacements are known.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. The Koenig Georg Kaserne is assumed to quarter the
25X1 7th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div and a motor vehicle
25X1 repair shop, []
- 25X1 6. [] Comment. An evaluation of all information available on the barracks
installation since 1949 and of the present report on military patrols
leads to the conclusion that a guard battalion is stationed in the instal-
25X1 lation. It could not be determined whether the unit is an MVD element.
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- 25X1 7. [] Comment. The barracks installation in Weindorf quarters an MVD unit,
presumably a battalion, and a motor transport unit of the Twenty-Fourth
Air Army.
- 25X1 8. [] Comment. The Napola houses the Hq 11th Gds Tank Div. and the Hermann
Goering Kaserne the 40th Gds Tank Regt. [] The former
25X1 veterinary hospital is stationed in the southwest section of the installation.
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- 25X1 9. [] Comment. A hospital is located in the Polizei Kaserne in Hellerau.
- 25X1 10. [] Comment. The observations including the motor vehicle []
25X1 [] in the east section of the Grenadier Kaserne confirm the Hq
First Gds Mecz Army as being stationed there until October 1953.
- 25X1 11. [] Comment. According to reports received until May 1953, the west
section of the Grenadier Kaserne located at the intersection of Kurt Fischer
Allee and Marian Allee, was destroyed. [] It is
25X1 believed [] the Bucher Kaserne [] north of the
25X1 installation, which quarters an MVD battalion. All motor vehicle []
25X1 belong to the MVD.

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